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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 68.

No. 144.

MEMORANDUM.

1. In the concluding paragraph of the report by the Local Committee on the new Jail at Coimbatore, which has been received with the letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, dated the 25th instant, No. 70, reference is made to the smallness of the current year's allotment for the work, compared with its estimated cost, which is vaguely stated to be likely to reach Rupees 2,75,000. Colonel Walker should remember that if the grant be inadequate, it is probably due, in a great degree, to his own remissness in not making known to Government, in proper time, that the original estimate for the Jail was likely to prove so insufficient as to render the submission of a revised estimate necessary. The Government were left to glean this information from the Monthly Progress Reports, and, up to this date, no revised estimate has been submitted.

2. As out of the original estimate of Rupees 1,80,800, Rupees 1,06,119 were allotted up to the end of the past year, the assignment of Rupees 67,166, or only Rupees 7,515 less than the sum which, as far as was then known to Government, would suffice to complete the Jail, for the current year should be considered extremely liberal, even if there had been no necessity for making a large reduction in the grant for Civil Works.

3. The Government could not, moreover, allot more than the unexpended balance of the sanctioned estimate, and Colonel Walker should be aware, that they have no power to sanction beyond Rupees 2,00,000, and that when an estimate exceeds that sum by more than 10 per cent., reference must be made to the Government of India.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th July 1865.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coimbatore, 29th July 1865, No. 75.

SIR,

1. With reference to Memorandum No. 144, of 27th July, I have the honor to represent that ever since I realized the probability of the estimates of the new Jail at Coimbatore being exceeded, I have not ceased to require from the Executive Officers in charge of the works the submission of revised estimates. Lieutenant Trail, R. E., was the first of these, and in his time sufficient had not been done to arrive at definite conclusions, and he left the task unfinished when he took sick leave in February 1864. From that date to December 1864 the works were carried on by a succession of Officers of the Department, Mr. Sub-Engineer Lowry, Lieutenant Thompson, R. E., Mr. Supervisor McDonough, and Lieutenant H. C. Smith, R. E. Of whom the first and third being only temporarily in charge did not take up the revision at all, and the other two young Officers had not experience enough to effect the object in view, although I know that the latter took steps towards it. Finally, Mr. George supplied the papers called for within four months of his taking charge.

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2. But by that time it became known from His Excellency the Governor's remarks on Jails in the Northern Division, that Superintending Engineers were held responsible for the completeness and appropriateness of the plans of such buildings, instead of the Inspector General of Jails, by whom, under former ruling, they had virtually been set aside. Such responsibility for the future is accepted by me with pleasure, although I cannot consent to be saddled with it for the past. I have accordingly been giving the subject of the Coimbatore Jail my best attention for some time past, but until receipt of the orders of Government with G. O. No. 1,855, of 3rd July 1865, there was nothing tangible to go on. Now, for the first time, I have known what the Coimbatore Jail is expected to be, and can carry out such final orders as may be elicited by the Report of the Committee.

3. I trust, under these circumstances, that I shall be acquitted of culpable remissness in not having earlier submitted revised estimates. Copy of them having already been printed with the Jail Progress Report of April and May, and the papers themselves being obsolete, it hardly appears necessary now formally to submit them. I am sorry if I have misled Government by failing to report the probability of great excess over sanction; I was under the impression that I had done so indirectly if not directly (for want of estimates), but have no time to search correspondence files to test the accuracy of such impression.

No. 869.

ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1865, No. 2,414.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 66.

The Government consider the above explanation far from satisfactory. Colonel Walker ought to have been aware that although he had to consult

the Inspector General of Jails as regarded the plans, that Officer had nothing at all to do with the estimates. These ought to have been submitted in a revised form as soon as it was discovered that the data on which they were originally based were fallacious. Colonel Walker's neglect to submit them has left the Government altogether in ignorance of the probable cost of the Coimbatore Jail, and the Governor in Council is constrained to remark that Colonel Walker cannot be allowed to shift the responsibility upon his Subordinates which properly rests upon himself. His Excellency trusts that Colonel Walker will not again give cause for dissatisfaction on this score.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Superintending Engineer's Office
7th Division
Coimbatore 29th July 1865
From Lieut Col C. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th
To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Govt. C. A. W.
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Yours most Obedt Servant
Moses Smith
Superintending Engr of B.

J.P.

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From the Supy Engineer of the
7th Division - Order date the 19th August 1865.
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new Coimbatore Jail

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March 27th 1865

To the Secretary of War
D. D. W.

Jan 12 / 1868
No 246 and 284
1st Supp of Congress
4th Division

no. 75

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With our Orders

I cannot think that Col. Walker has in any way excused himself from blame except the Declaration spot. He must or ought to have been well aware that although he had a month's fair hope for good as respects the Plans, that there had nothing at all to do with his estimate, in fact from what Col. Walker says himself it is evident that he has all along attempted to throw upon the Executive Officer his responsibility for passing Plans & Estimates and that why for passing Plans & Estimates and that when in consequence of his attempt to extend his responsibility, what he has done told off him, instead upon himself that the Gov^r is also justified in passing of the probable cost of the Good Luck Declaration - when already had a great fault with General Walker to show that he can hardly expect one to accept his continued culpability, and demand to show that he is aware that he is aware again reason to point fault with him shall disappear with his service as an officer of the P. & W. Co.

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To the Legislature 7th Dec 1874 ✓
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The Superintending
Engineer of the Division in-
formed that his explanation
relative to the non-submission
of revised estimates for the
new Jail at Coimbatore is
unsatisfactory -

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No. 670. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 9th August 1865, No. 85:—

SIR,

At the request of the Supervisor in charge of the Caroor Range, I have the honor to propose the diversion of Rupees 1,880 out of the sum of Rupees 4,000 now standing to credit of Item No. 77 of Part II. of the Budget of 1865-66, to the sluices in Dharapooram Talook, for which Rupees 5,358 were sanctioned in paragraph 5 of G. O. No. 2,118 of 22nd July, leaving Rupees 2,120 available for those in Caroor Talook. This will equalize the work in the two Talooks of Caroor Range, giving forty sluices to each in the current year.

No. 671. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1865, No. 2,415.

ACCOUNT, No. 70.

The diversion of funds recommended in this letter is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Frank St George
19th Aug 1965

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To The Superintending Engineer J. D. S.
4 The Controller of P. W. Accounts
5 Accountant General. Secy 21 August
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